

**GLASTONBURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE CONNECTICUT GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 17, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Chloe Landers of Glastonbury High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Connecticut Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Landers is the second Gatorade Connecticut Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Glastonbury High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Landers as Connecticut's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Landers joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-6 senior midfielder and defender led the Tomahawks to an 18-1-1 record and the Class LL state championship this past season. Landers scored seven goals, passed for 11 assists and anchored a defense that allowed just seven goals in 20 games. A three-time First Team All-State selection, Landers was twice named the Hartford Courant Player of the Year. She concluded her prep soccer career with 11 goals and 38 assists.

A member of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Leadership Team, Landers has volunteered locally with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and as a youth basketball coach. "Chloe is a very special player," said Max Fantl, head coach of Farmington High. "Her technical ability, physicality and her knowledge of the game are [terrific]."

Landers has maintained a 3.81 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Connecticut.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Landers joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Girls Soccer Players of the Year Meadow Mancini (2018-19, Watertown High School), Lauren Hinton (2017-18, Loomis Chaffee School), Danielle Brinckman (2016-17, Glastonbury High School), Jenna Bike (2015-16, St. Joseph High School), Jenna Bike (2014-15, St. Joseph High School), and Sarah McCauley (2013-14, Chase Collegiate School) among the state's list of former award winners.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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